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SUBJECT: ECE 33RD PLENARY - APRIL 6 WESTERN CAUCUS  
MEETING

1. AT APRIL 6 ECE AMBASSADORIAL WESTERN CAUCUS MEETING,  
NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR BRIEFED CAUCUS ON APRIL 5 INFORMAL  
MEETING WITH U.S., DANISH, POLISH AND SOVIET COUNTER-  
PARTS, REPORTING THAT THE EAST CONTINUED ITS PRESSURE  
TO HAVE THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS LISTED AS A SEPARATE  
AGENDA ITEM WHICH PREFERABLY WOULD COME BEFORE THE  
PRESENT ITEM 5. AT MEETING AND AGAIN AT CAUCUS AMBASSADOR  
VANDEN HEUVEL NOTED THAT AS THE EAST IS REALLY INTERESTED  
IN HAVING SOME PROGRESS ON THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS, IT  
WOULD SEEM THAT THEY WOULD LEAVE THE AGENDA ALONE IN ORDER  
NOT TO GIVE OTHERS OCCASION TO SUSPECT THEIR MOTIVES.  
HE ADDED THAT IF BREZHNEV PROPOSALS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED  
AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT THEY  
WILL BE DISCUSSED ONLY WITHIN THE ECE FRAMEWORK AND  
LISTED AFTER AGENDA ITEM 5. FINLAND SAID THAT AS THE EAST  
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HAS NOT BEFORE ACCEPTED ENERGY AND TRANSPORT HIGH-LEVEL  
MEETINGS (HLM) AS BEING WITHIN ECE FRAMEWORK, IF WE  
COULD SECURE THIS, IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. DENMARK,  
ON BEHALF OF THE 9, REPORTED THAT THE EC WAS OPPOSED TO  
ACCEPTING SOVIET ITEM AND NOTED THE SOVIETS SAID TWICE  
AT APRIL 5 MEETING THAT THEY HAD NO OBLIGATION TO KEEP  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT HLMS WITHIN ECE FRAMEWORK.

BELGIUM ADDED THAT ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE WORDING OF PROPOSED SOVIET ITEM NOT A SOLUTION AND WEST SHOULD NOT NEGOTIATE BY REGARDING THIS PROCEDURAL QUESTION AS A QUESTION OF SUBSTANCE. IN VIEW OF LACK OF CONSENSUS WITHIN THE CAUCUS NO DECISION WAS REACHED ON HOW TO HANDLE SOVIET REQUEST FOR SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM AND MATTER WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN APRIL 10 AFTER BUREAU MEETS.

2. ON NORDIC RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENT HLM, CANADA AND AUSTRIA INDICATED APPROVAL; PORTUGAL, YUGOSLAVIA, CYPRUS AND MALTA SAID THEY COULD ACCEPT BOTH NORDIC RESOLUTION AND INCLUSION OF GREEK PROPOSAL ON WATER. DENMARK SAID THAT THE EC-9 ARE PREPARING A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH THEY HOPE TO TABLE EARLY NEXT WEEK. EXCEPT FOR NOTING THAT NORDICS WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR DRAFT, THEY GAVE NO OTHER INDICATION IN MEETING OF COMMUNITY'S POSITION ON ENVIRONMENT HLM.

3. ON TURKISH RESOLUTION ON MIGRANT LABOR, PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND YUGOSLAVIA INDICATED THEIR SUPPORT. ONLY FRG INDICATED THEY COULDN'T SUPPORT IT AND ARGUED THAT IT WAS NOT AN EAST-WEST PROBLEM AND THEREFORE SHOULDN'T BE IN ECE. MISSION BELIEVES WE SHOULD SUPPORT RESOLUTION.

4. ON MALTESE RESOLUTION ON MEDITERRANEAN, MALTA EXPLAINED THAT PARA 6 WAS VAGUE BECAUSE THERE MIGHT BE NON-U.N. BODIES WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ON ENVIRONMENT HLM.

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TION SUCH AS THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION. ON PARA 7 MALTA NOTED THAT IN BELGRADE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT ECE IS MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH MEETING ON A SCIENTIFIC FORUM IN BONN BUT NOT IN REGARD TO THE VALLETTA MEETING.

5. DENMARK, ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9, ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT ATTRACTED TO THE IDEA OF A SENIOR ADVISERS ON ENERGY AS A MEANS OF EAST-WEST INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN THE ENERGY FIELD.

6. CANADA NOTED THAT THE ROMANIANS HAD APPROACHED THEM IN OTTAWA TO STRESS THAT THEY INTENDED TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS ON (1) PROCEDURES FOR MAKING ECE MORE DEMOCRATIC, (2) UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND (3) OTHER BASKET II MATTERS.

7. CAUCUS WILL MEET AGAIN APRIL 10 AT 1600.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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